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SUBJ: AMIR OF QATAR ON MID EAST PEACE PROSPECTS: FORD/SADAT  
SUMMIT, PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND QADHAFI MESSAGE

REF: STATE 138170

1. SUMMARY. AMIR OF QATAR HAS BEEN TOLD BY EGYPTIANS THAT  
ALTHOUGH FORD/SADAT SUMMIT WAS SATISFACTORY, IT PRODUCED LESS  
THAN WAS EXPECTED; HOWEVER, EGYPTIANS RETAIN CONFIDENCE IN  
U.S. AMIR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WILL MOVE SOON TO CATALYZE  
MID EAST SETTLEMENT SINCE TIME IS RIPE AND OPPORTUNITY MAY  
PASS. AMIR SEES PALESTINIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AS  
EVOLVING AFTER CREATION OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY. HE BELIEVES  
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THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE OFFERED QATARI CITIZENSHIP.

QADHAFI MESSAGE ACCUSED SADAT OF TREASON. END SUMMARY

2. DURING JUNE 12 CONVERSATION WITH AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, I ASKED KHALIFA WHAT GOE ENVOY ASHRAF MARWAN HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT FORD/SADAT SUMMIT DURING MARWAN'S VISIT HERE JUNE 9. KHALIFA REPLIED THAT IT APPEARED SADAT SATISFIED WITH SUMMIT TALKS BUT HAD "HEARD LESS THAN HE HAD EXPECTED AND HOPED FOR". AMIR SAID PRESIDENT HAD NOT RPT NOT ANSWERED SADAT'S PERSISTENT QUESTION WHETHER US "PROTECTION" OF ISRAEL EXTENDED TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. KHALIFA SAID SADAT HAD BEEN PROMISED MORE INFORMATION AFTER RABIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AMIR SAID HE HAD CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT SADAT MAINTAINS CONFIDENCE IN U.S. HE REPEATED HIS USUAL APPREHENSIONS THAT SHOULD SADAT FALL, AREA, U.S. AND WORLD WOULD BE IN BIG TROUBLE. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE URGED FULL AND OPEN US SUPPORT FOR SADAT.

3. AMIR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US MID EAST POLICY REASSESSMENT WOULD PRODUCE MOVE TO CATALYZE SETTLEMENT. HE SAID HE WAS CONSCIOUS OF INTERNAL PRESSURES ON PRESIDENT, AND IN THIS REGARD ASKED ABOUT PRESIDENT'S "COMPETITION" IN 1976 ELECTIONS. AMIR REPEATEDLY STRESSED URGENCY OF U.S. GETTING ON WITH SETTLEMENT, SINCE TIME WAS RIPE NOW AND OPPORTUNITY COULD PASS.

4. ALTHOUGH REFTEL DID NOT REACH US UNTIL JUNE 14, I GAVE AMIR MY APPRECIATION OF FORD/SADAT SUMMIT WHICH CONFORMED TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. I SPECIFIED, HOWEVER, THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT, AND I DID NOT TOUCH ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS, SINCE NO RPT NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME AT TIME OF MEETING. I ASSUME INFO ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE REFTEL IN BRIEFING OUR RESPECTIVE GOVTS. PORTION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GOE MOST USEFUL IN VIEW OF AMIR'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT SADAT'S SURVIVABILITY AND US OBLIGATION TO GIVE GOE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

5. RE PALESTINE QUESTION, I ASKED AMIR WHETHER HE HAD TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO PLO REPS, AS HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO, ON NECESSITY OF PLO'S RECOGNITION OF EXISTENCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL. AMIR AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY. HE ASSURED ME, HOWEVER, THAT ARAFAT HIMSELF WAS READY TO ACKNOWLEDGE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT IS CONSTRAINED BY FEAR OF PALESTINIAN ULTRAS SUCH AS HABBASH. AMIR ASSERTED THAT RECOGNITION WOULD COME WITHIN FIVE TO TEN YEARS AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY, AS NEW GENERATIONS OF PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS LEARNED TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE. AMIR STATED THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT MANY OF PALESTINIANS IN DIASPORA, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN GULF, WOULD RETURN TO PALESTINIAN STATE. HE SAID HE HIMSELF IS PREPARED TO ADOPT A POLICY OF GRANTING QATARI

CITIZENSHIP TO PALESTINIANS WHO HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS IN QATAR, WHO HAVE RAISED AND EDUCATED THEIR FAMILIES HERE AND WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF STATE. HE SAID THIS ONLY FAIR AND EQUITABLE. (COMMENT: THIS WOULD BE SHARP DEPARTURE FROM PRESENT GOQ POLICY OF SEVERELY RESTRICTING GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP. WE HAVE HEARD RECENTLY THAT CITIZENSHIP HAS BEEN GRANTED TO A VERY FEW LONG-TERM PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS. IF AMIR MOVES TO IMPLEMENT HIS INTENTION, IT WILL CAUSE SHARP REACTION FROM MANY QATARIS WHO UNWILLING TO SHARE PRIVILEGES OF CITIZENSHIP WITH PALESTINIANS OR ANY OTHER RESIDENT EXPATS WHOM THEY REGARD AS CARPETBAGGERS AT BEST WHO ARE MILKING COUNTRY AND HAVE NO OTHER INTEREST IN IT.)

6. I ASKED AMIR ABOUT JUNE 4 VISIT OF LIBYAN ENVOY MUHAMMAD MUGHRABI WHO HAD REPORTEDLY BROUGHT MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI ON MID EAST SITUATION. AMIR ANSWERED THAT MESSAGE HAD ACCUSED SADAT OF TREASON BECAUSE OF REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL. KHALIFA SAID QADHAFI OBVIOUSLY MENTALLY UNBALANCED, AND ENVOY MUGHRABI, WHO WAS LONG-TIME PERSONAL FRIEND, HAD TOLD HIM THAT QADHAFI NO LONGER HAS SUPPORT OF HIS OWN PEOPLE.  
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